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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, SY, JO, US

SUBJECT: CIVAIR; JORDAN/SYRIAN FOREIGN CARRIER PERMITS

REF: A) AMMAN 2783, B) DAMASCUS 2991, C) DAMASCUS 2829

1. AMBASSADOR SHOULD ASSURE KING HUSSEIN THAT DEPT IS  
AWARE OF IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO PROMPT INAUGURATION OF  
JORDANIAN-SYRIAN AIR SERVICE AND HAS ARRANGED FOR MOST  
RAPID HANDLING OF PERMIT APPLICATION CONSISTENT WITH CAB  
STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS. AMBASSADOR SHOULD DRAW ON FOLLOW-  
ING POINTS.

2. CAB HEARING ON NEW PERMIT APPLICATION IS NOT UNUSUAL,  
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BUT IS NORMAL PROCEDURE. TIME CAN SOMETIMES BE SAVED BY  
USING ALTERNATIVE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE PROCEDURE IF CASE IS  
UNCOMPLICATED, AND ON MAY 10 DEPARTMENT FORMALLY REQUESTED  
CAB USE THIS PROCEDURE ON GROUNDS THAT EXPEDITIOUS ISSUANCE  
OF ALIA/SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINE PERMITS WAS IN U.S. NATIONAL  
INTEREST. CAB RIGHTLY POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT ORDER TO  
SHOW CAUSE CAN ACTUALLY TAKE MORE TIME THAN HEARINGS IF

CASE RAISES COMPLICATED ISSUES.

3. CAB REGARDS CASE AS UNUSUALLY COMPLICATED. THIS IS BECAUSE THERE ARE TWO FOREIGN AIRLINES INVOLVED, OF WHICH ONE (ALIA) ALREADY HAS TWO FOREIGN AIR CARRIER PERMITS AND THE OTHER (SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES) IS ESSENTIALLY UNKNOWN SINCE IT HAS NOT OPERATED TO THE UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION, PERMIT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY AIRLINES' ATTORNEY LEFT SOME MAJOR ISSUES UNRESOLVED, E.G., PROVISIONS FOR DESCRIBING SERVICE TO PUBLIC AND STATUS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AIRLINES. CAB'S VIEW IS THAT THESE ISSUES CAN BE MOST QUICKLY RESOLVED THROUGH HEARINGS.

4. CAB HAS RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO OUR REQUEST THAT HEARING PROCEDURE ADVANCE AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE WAS ASSIGNED TO CASE ON SAME DAY (MAY 13) THAT DECISION TO HOLD HEARINGS WAS MADE. JUDGE HAS SET DATE FOR BOTH PRELIMINARY AND FINAL HEARINGS (MAY 26) WHICH MEETS MINIMUM STATUTORY PERIOD FOR PUBLIC NOTICE TO BE GIVEN IN FEDERAL REGISTER.

5. FOLLOWING HEARING, JUDGE WILL WEIGH EVIDENCE AND PREPARE WRITTEN RECOMMENDATION TO CAB. RECOMMENDATION WILL BE REVIEWED BY CAB STAFF, ACTED ON BY CAB MEMBERS AND, FINALLY, SENT TO PRESIDENT FOR APPROVAL. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT THAT 60 DAY PERIOD ELAPSE BETWEEN HEARING AND ISSUANCE OF PERMIT, BUT AS PRACTICAL MATTER THE PROCESS HAS REQUIRED AT LEAST THAT AMOUNT OF TIME IN MOST CASES.

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6. ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN INSURING SPEEDY CONCLUSION OF CAB PROCESS WILL BE COOPERATIVE, FORTHCOMING PARTICIPATION OF APPLICANTS. CAB IS AWARE OF PRESIDENTIAL INTEREST IN AND FOREIGN POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF THIS CASE. BOARD'S ACTION THUS FAR HAS BEEN RESPONSIVE TO NEED FOR EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING.

7. FOR DAMASCUS: YOU MAY DRAW ON ABOVE AS NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO SYRIAN INQUIRIES. CHRISTOPHER

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